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TARGET NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007, please consider the following amendment and remarks. A fee for a two-month extension of time, now set to expire February 28, 2008, is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Title** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 12.

**Conclusion** begins on page 20.

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